



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

Subject of possible rule making: Industrial Insurance Premium Rates

Chapter 296-17-WAC General Reporting Rules, Classifications, Audit and Record keeping, Rates and Rating System for Washington Workers' Compensation Insurance

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 51.16.035, RCW 51.04.020(1), RCW 51-16-100 and RCW 51.18.010

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Labor and Industries is required by law to establish and maintain a workers' compensation classification plan and set premium rates that maintain actuarial solvency of the accident and medical aid funds. By law, the plan must be consistent with recognized principles of insurance and rates adjusted annually or as needed to ensure solvency of the insurance trust funds.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

No other state, local, or federal agency regulates this subject.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

☐ Negotiated rule making

☐ Pilot rule making

☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe)

Parties interested in the development of these rules may contact the individual listed below.

Interest parties may also participate during the public comment period by submitting written comments or giving oral testimony at the public hearing.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

Interested parties may contact the individual listed:

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